

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.**

Video/Teleconference via Google hangouts Meet Video Link:

<https://meet.google.com/ays-iwfm-qfm>

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In Person: 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230, Aeris Conference Room

**Board Members Present**

Hahns Hairston – Chairman/Public At Large  
Larry Brenneman – Western MD  
Dave Kelly – Central MD  
Michael Hall – Eastern MD  
Heather Quinn – DNR  
Robert Peoples – MDE

**MDE Staff Present**

Amanda Redmiles – Executive Director  
Sylvia Glover – OAG  
Dee Settar – MDE  
John Borris – MDE  
Taj Goodlow – MDE  
Alex Rubin – MDE

**Guests**

301\*\*\*\*\*81 UNIDENTIFIED

**Call to Order**

Presiding Officer, Hahns Hairston, presided over the meeting.

**Roll Call**

Amanda Redmiles conducted the roll call.

**Presiding Officer Comments**

Hahns Hairston welcomed everybody to the meeting.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Larry Brenneman to approve the agenda. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

**Review and Adoption of March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Open Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Heather Quinn and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, open meeting minutes as is. The motion passed with abstentions by Hahns Hairston and Larry Brenneman.

**Water Conditioner Installer License Question**

Clarification on restrictions on where a licensed Water Conditioner Installer can physically install water conditioning equipment. Concerns were brought to the attention of a licensed Water Conditioner Installer by a Licensed Plumber at a residential property. The Board confirmed that there are no restrictions on where a licensed Water Conditioner Installer can physically install water conditioning equipment.

**Executive Director Comments**

- FY24 Revenue & Expenditures Update
  - Dee Settar from the Water Supply Program assisted the Executive Director on providing additional insight on the inconsistencies in the draft Revenue and Expenditures report. MDE is working to resolve inconsistencies and a full update/report should be available next month.
- Expired General Liability Insurance Update
  - Efforts continue by the Executive Director to close the loop on the last few companies left with expired general liability insurance on file with the Board.
- Expired Bonds Update
  - The Executive Director contacted 65 companies on 4/9/24 regarding 98 expired bonds. To date bonds have not been provided for 20 licensees.
- Board Vacancy Update
  - Referred to closed session for further discussion due to privacy for the applicant’s professional reputation.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

- Training Approval

#	Organization	Course Name	Location	Date(s)	License Category	Rec. Hours	Cycle	Outcome
1	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	MDE Safe Drinking Water Act Water Sampler Certification Class	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	4 Hours	2023-2025	Approved

2	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	The Evolution of Disinfection in Water Treatment	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
3	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	Getting the Most from Your Electric Motors per the EASA guidelines	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
4	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	Deadly Hidden Hazards in Confined Spaces	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
5	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	Fluoride Use in Community Water Systems (Abridged)	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1.25 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
6	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	Understanding the Dangers of and Treatment Methods for PFAS Chemicals	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	3.5 Hours	2023-2025	Approved
7	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	Pipe Tapping Procedures Overview	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
8	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	Construction Site Water Turbidity Management	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
9	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	Stenner Pump Training	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved

10	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	Process Math for Operators (Abridged)	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	4 Hours	2023-2025	Approved
11	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	LCRR: To Inventory and Beyond	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
12	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	A Holistic Approach to Phosphorus Corrosion Control	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
13	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	Defining Your System's Pathway to PFAS Remediation	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
14	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	Corrosion Control for Water/Wastewater Utilities	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
15	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	FedFUNDS Overview	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
16	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	Water Infrastructure Network Monitoring- Pressure & Leak Detection	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
17	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	PFAS Cost Recovery	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved

18	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	Recent Innovations with Water-based Coatings and Their Impact on Infrastructure Protection and Sustainability Goals	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
19	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	Asset Management and Corrosion Considerations for Critical Water Assets (Tanks, Towers, Plants, Concrete)	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	2 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
20	Maryland Rural Water Association Annual Conference 2024	Simplifying Utilities: Harnessing User-Friendly Technology for Everyday Convenience	Ocean City, MD	5/6/24 - 5/9/24	All Licenses	1 Hour	2023-2025	Approved
21	DAB Pumps	Introduction to Jet Pumps	Edgewater, MD	12/15/2023	All Licensees	2 Hours	2023-2025	Approved
22	DAB Pumps	Introduction to Submersible Electrical Motors	Edgewater, MD	12/14/2023	All Licensees	2 Hours	2023-2025	Approved
23	DAB Pumps	Mechanical Working of Submersible Motors	Edgewater, MD	12/14/2023	All Licensees	2 Hours	2023-2025	Approved
24	DAB Pumps	Residential Pressure Boosting Presentation	Edgewater, MD	12/15/2023	All Licensees	2 Hours	2023-2025	Approved

A motion was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the above courses. The motion was passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

- April 10<sup>th</sup> Exam Results

SCHEDULED	28
SHOWED	28
PASSED	10
FAILED	18
AVERAGE GRADE	63%

**Types of Exams to Pass**

- Apprentice Well Driller – 5
- Apprentice Pump Installer – 1
- Apprentice Water Conditioner – 1
- Water Conditioner Installer – 1

Master Well Driller- Geotechnical – 2

**Types of Exams to Fail**

Apprentice Well Driller – 10

Apprentice Pump Installer – 3

Pump Installer – 1

Journeyman Well Driller- General – 2

Journeyman Well Driller- Water Supply – 2

**Applicants That Passed the Examination**

Jacob Timothy Bram - Master Well Driller- Geotechnical

Blake Cabit - Master Well Driller- Geotechnical

Tyler Alan Cassell - Apprentice Pump Installer

Tyler Alan Cassell - Apprentice Water Conditioner

Jeffrey Dziennik - Apprentice Well Driller

Austin Foster - Apprentice Well Driller

Hector Rodas - Apprentice Well Driller

Keith Snelling - Apprentice Well Driller

Justin Tidd - Apprentice Well Driller

Bryan Wilkerson - Water Conditioner Installer

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Robert Peoples to approve the above applications who passed their respective examinations. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

- Exam Qualifications

#	Name	Exam Type	Employer	Recommend
1	Anslinger, Mitchell	AWD	Chesapeake Geosystems	Recommend & Approved
2	Baker, Shaun Lee	AWD	Michael Barlow Well Drilling	Recommend & Approved
3	Burns, Andrew	AWD	Chesapeake Geosystems	Recommend & Approved
4	Burns, Williams	AWD	Chesapeake Geosystems	Recommend & Approved
5	Easterday, Michael	JSD	Easterday-Wilson Well Drilling	Recommend & Approved for Water Supply Instead of General Unless 40 Hour Hazwoper is Provided
6	Easterday, Ty	AWD	Easterday-Wilson Well Drilling	Recommend & Approved
7	Fitzgerald, Kevin Collins	AWD	Michael Barlow Well Drilling	Recommend & Approved
8	Martinez, Edgar	JWD	Chesapeake Geosystems	Recommend & Approved

9	Mayne, Ralph	JSD	Easterday-Wilson Well Drilling	Recommend & Approved for Water Supply Instead of General Unless 40 Hour Hazwoper is Provided
10	McAllister, Corey	MWD	Chesapeake Geosystems	Recommend & Approved
11	McCormack, Ryan	MGD	Betts Environmental	Recommend & Approved
12	Miller III, Jerry	JSD	Easterday-Wilson Well Drilling	Recommend & Approved for Water Supply Instead of General Unless 40 Hour Hazwoper is Provided
13	Ryan, Zac	AWD	Easterday-Wilson Well Drilling	Recommend & Approved
14	Sedlmeyer, Thomas	AWD	Chesapeake Geosystems	Recommend & Approved
15	Walker, Bruce	JWD	Chesapeake Geosystems	Recommend & Approved
16	Wilson, Nathan	JSD	Easterday-Wilson Well Drilling	Recommend & Approved for Water Supply Instead of General Unless 40 Hour Hazwoper is Provided
17	Yardim, Aydin	AWD	Chesapeake Geosystems	Recommend & Approved

A motion was made by Michael Hall and seconded by Larry Brenneman to approve the applicants to take the examinations with the listed conditions. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hariston.

### **Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry**

Nothing to report.

### **Board Vote to Move into Closed Session**

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Mike Hall to go into closed session. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

The presiding officer read a written closing statement addressing the reason for the closed meeting, including the topics to be discussed and statutory exception(s) (see below).

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Larry Brenneman seconded by Mike Hall to adjourn the open meeting. The motion passed with one abstention by Hahns Hairston.

### **Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to General Provisions Article ("GP"), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Dave Kelly that was seconded by Mike Hall, Board members approved moving into closed session on April

24, 2024, for the purpose of complying with the following provisions of the Open Meetings Act:

GP § 3-305(b)(2) - To protect the privacy or reputation of license holders,

GP § 3-305(b)(7) - To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice,

GP § 3-305(b)(8) - To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The following Board members were present during the closed meeting:

Hahns Hairston, Larry Brenneman, Dave Kelly, Mike Hall, Heather Quinn, Robert Peoples. MDE staff present were Amanda Redmiles, Sylvia Glover and Alex Rubin.

Pursuant to legal provisions, Hahns Hairston read the closed meeting disclaimer.

### **Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting**

Board members reviewed and approved the March 27, 2024, closed meeting minutes; discussed the update on Calvert County Plumbing Board matter; were updated on previous violations; discussed Board vacancy applications and provided recommendations; and worked in updating regulations.